#### HACKTEX VIRTUAL TRAINING MATERIALS ADVANCED TEXTILES MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY Learning unit 2: Raw materials and products for functional and smart textiles Lesson 2

### Raw materials for active textiles

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# RAW MATERIALS FOR ACTIVE TEXTILES

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- Chromo-active textiles
- Phase Change Materials (PCMs)
- Shape memory materials
- Energy harvesting textiles



## **CHROMO-ACTIVE TEXTILES**



#### **Chromic responsive materials**





#### INTRINSIC SYSTEM





I	ITRINSIC		INDIRECT
Liquid crystals	SYSTEM	Leuco-dyes	SYSTEM











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### **SHAPE MEMORY MATERIALS**



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### **ENERGY HARVESTING TEXTILES**



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#### **Piezoelectric**

- Pressure, stretch or twist generates electrical energy
- Polymer-based most suitable for textile applications: formation of dipoles due to the distribution of polymer chains
- PVDF on the crystalline form I ( $\beta$ -phase) achieved by doping and/or induction



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#### **Triboelectric**

- Electrical energy generated by rubbing between to materials.
- An electrical charge transfer from one material to the other occurs. Produces high voltage
- Triboelectric series: ranked materials based on their tendency to gain (negative) or lose charges (positive) (higher difference, higher transferred during the contact)



#### **Summary**

In this lecture you have reviewed:

- Raw materials to generate colour response actuators in textiles (thermal- and light- induced)
- Phase change materials useful to provide thermal-regulation in smart textiles
- Shape memory alloys and polymers working principles that can lead to the production of actuators for smart textile solutions
- Piezoelectric and triboelectric raw materials related to energy harvesting







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